

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with O. Chu on 3/18/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

22. The personal identification method according to claim ~~16~~ 21, wherein the bitmap image is created by counting the number of ON pixels in each pixel block, determining which one of the conversion pixel patterns corresponds to the counted number of ON pixels, and substituting the pixel block of the original image with the determined conversion pixel pattern.

24. The personal identification method according to claim ~~18~~ 23, wherein the bitmap image is created by counting the number of ON pixels in each pixel block, determining which one of the conversion pixel patterns corresponds to the counted number of ON pixels, and substituting the pixel block of the original image with the determined conversion pixel pattern.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JEFFERY WILLIAMS whose telephone number is (571)272-7965. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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